GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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PRIMITIVE TRIBES
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Will the Minister of TRIBAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware that the population of primitive tribes is declining in the country including Jharkhand;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government to save these tribes from extinction?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTERY OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS (DR. TUSHAR A. CHAUDHARY)

(a) to (b): On the basis of the report received from the Registrar General of India, there is no indication that the total population of Primitive Tribal Groups (PTGs) is declining in the country, including in Jharkhand.

(c): The Ministry has been implementing a 100% Central Sector Scheme viz. "Development of Primitive Tribal Groups` since 1998-99 for over all development of Primitive Tribal Groups(PTGs). It is a very flexible scheme. Any activity/work, which is connected with the survival, protection and development of PTGs, can be taken up under the scheme. The activities/ works may include provisions for housing, land distribution, land development, agricultural development, cattle development, income generation programmes, health-care, infrastructure development, social security, etc. During 10th Five Year Plan, an amount of Rs.105.03 crores has been released on the basis of annual activities proposed by various States/UT. This includes Rs. 20.48 crores released for insurance coverage of 4.09 lakhs heads of PTG families under Janashree Bima Yojana of Life Insurance Corporation of India. Further, from the 11th Five Year Plan, the Ministry has started funding long-term Conservation-cum-Development (CCD) Plan for the entire Plan period, aiming at hamlet/habitat development of PTGs, prepared by each State/UT on the basis of need assessed through baseline surveys or other surveys conducted by them. Rs. 57.86 crores and Rs. 192.07 crores have been released to States/UT and NGOs during 2007-08 & 2008-09 respectively, under these CCD Plans.